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Big Bay Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, 33 miles northwest of Marquette, MI and 38 miles east of the Portage entry to the Keweenaw Waterway.
- Authorization: 1945 River & Harbor Act.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Project depths range between 8 and 12 feet.
- Approximately 500 feet of maintained Federal channel.
- More than 1,250 feet of maintained piers.
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include the Michigan DNR, Marquette County Sportsman's Club, and various marinas.

Project Needs

- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a three to five year cycle of approximately 10,000 to 15,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 2000.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.



Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge and supports charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
Big Bay Harbor, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys	9	9				
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	181	181				
TOTALS	190	190	0	0	0	

*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009.

Congressional Interests

- Representative Bart Stupak D-MI-1
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI